

## ALEJANDRO “ALEX” LONGORIA HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

United States Attorney Mervyn Mosbacker named McAllen Chief of Police Alex Longoria the first recipient of the Southern District of Texas Award for Outstanding Contribution to Cooperative Law Enforcement. U.S. Attorney Mosbacker cited Chief Longoria’s leadership in cooperative law enforcement among local, State and federal agencies in the district, and also for leading the effort to develop a forum for cooperative law enforcement for U.S. and Mexican agencies along the Southwest Border. Chief Longoria was instrumental in the development of RIONet, an Internet-based network that will link law enforcement agencies along the border. He received national recognition for his work in community policing and community-based public safety planning. Chief Longoria was a key leader in bringing the first Weed & Seed site to the Rio Grande Valley, and instituted comprehensive planning strategies to address drug abuse and violence by juveniles in McAllen.



Alex Longoria was hospitalized for cancer in November; his friend and colleague, Brownsville Chief of Police Benigno Reyna, accepted the award in Houston on his behalf. Chief Longoria lost his battle with cancer in December. Shortly before his death, Attorney General Janet Reno wrote Chief Longoria personally to congratulate him on this award, and to thank him for his extraordinary leadership in law enforcement. He is sorely missed.

## COMMUNITY-BASED PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS

In 2000, the United States Attorney's Office announced an annual award for Outstanding Contribution to Community-Based Public Safety. These awards honor people for their exceptional leadership in forging partnerships among communities and their law enforcement agencies.



**Rose Gomez** was instrumental in organizing the first Weed & Seed program in the City of Brownsville. The Brownsville Weed & Seed initiative has developed a program that addresses cross-border underage drinking. This program has become a model for border communities from Brownsville to San Diego.



**Omar Velez** has been an articulate representative of the Gulfton Weed & Seed Initiative in Houston for the last 5 years. For most of his life, he has been a strong advocate for human rights. He has actively worked with immigrants and immigrant rights and organizations and has been a pivotal force in the Gulfton Community. Mr. Velez is a community leader who has gained the respect of everyone with whom he works.

**George Hodge** has been the leader of the Weed & Seed Initiative in Corpus Christi since 1994. The program grew out of the community's desperation over the violent criminality surrounding the street drug market. Last year, Attorney General Janet Reno awarded one of the Corpus Christi residents active in the Weed & Seed Steering Committee the Attorney General's Millennium Award for Community Service. Most importantly, the violent crime rate in the Weed & Seed neighborhoods dropped dramatically.

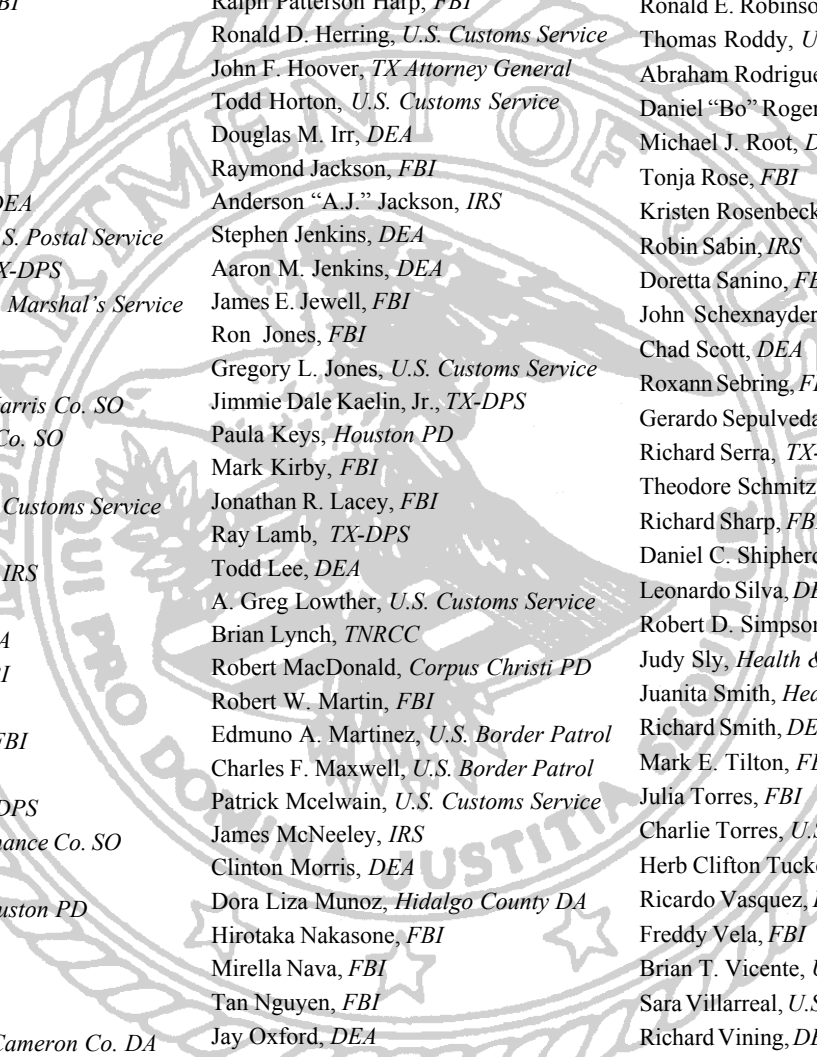


**Nereida Morales** of McAllen has been instrumental in bridging the differences between related initiatives sponsored by the U.S. Attorney's Office: Weed & Seed, the Comprehensive Strategy Program, Gun Violence Reduction Initiative, and the Community Youth Development Program. Through her leadership of selfless commitment, Ms. Morales has become a guarantor that community-based public safety programs become a positive reality for the intended community.



## LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

*In 2000, the following law enforcement officials received special recognition from the U.S. Attorney's Office for their exceptional professionalism, hardwork and dedication to cases and special projects throughout the year.*



Luis C. Alaniz, <i>Cameron Co. DA</i>	Angela Hammons, <i>U.S. Customs Service</i>	Susan K. Ridley, <i>FBI</i>
Arnold Alcantar, <i>U.S. Border Patrol</i>	Peter Hanna, <i>FBI</i>	Neal Roberts, <i>IRS</i>
Rene L. Amaya, <i>FBI</i>	Rufugio Hernandez, <i>HIDTA</i>	Neal Roberts, <i>IRS</i>
Robert V. Andrews, <i>FBI</i>	Ralph Patterson Harp, <i>FBI</i>	Ronald E. Robinson, <i>DEA</i>
David W. Batista, <i>IRS</i>	Ronald D. Herring, <i>U.S. Customs Service</i>	Thomas Roddy, <i>U.S. Customs Service</i>
Maria G. Borsuk, <i>FBI</i>	John F. Hoover, <i>TX Attorney General</i>	Abraham Rodriguez, <i>Cameron Co. SO</i>
Randy Bowling, <i>FBI</i>	Todd Horton, <i>U.S. Customs Service</i>	Daniel "Bo" Rogers, <i>DEA</i>
Ronald Brown, <i>DEA</i>	Douglas M. Irr, <i>DEA</i>	Michael J. Root, <i>DEA</i>
George Brunner, <i>DEA</i>	Raymond Jackson, <i>FBI</i>	Tonja Rose, <i>FBI</i>
Michael D. Byerley, <i>DEA</i>	Anderson "A.J." Jackson, <i>IRS</i>	Kristen Rosenbeck, <i>U.S. Customs Service</i>
Richard D. Carlson, <i>U.S. Postal Service</i>	Stephen Jenkins, <i>DEA</i>	Robin Sabin, <i>IRS</i>
Gerardo H. Carrillo, <i>TX-DPS</i>	Aaron M. Jenkins, <i>DEA</i>	Doretta Sanino, <i>FBI</i>
Russell T. Carter, <i>U.S. Marshal's Service</i>	James E. Jewell, <i>FBI</i>	John Schexnayder, <i>DEA</i>
Rene Castaneda, <i>DEA</i>	Ron Jones, <i>FBI</i>	Chad Scott, <i>DEA</i>
Adan Cruz, <i>TX-DPS</i>	Gregory L. Jones, <i>U.S. Customs Service</i>	Roxann Sebring, <i>FBI</i>
Marion Ray Daniel, <i>Harris Co. SO</i>	Jimmie Dale Kaelin, Jr., <i>TX-DPS</i>	Gerardo Sepulveda, <i>IRS</i>
Martin Dear, <i>Harris Co. SO</i>	Paula Keys, <i>Houston PD</i>	Richard Serra, <i>TX-DPS</i>
John DeLeon, <i>FBI</i>	Mark Kirby, <i>FBI</i>	Theodore Schmitz, <i>U.S. Customs Service</i>
Alfredo Delgado, <i>U.S. Customs Service</i>	Jonathan R. Lacey, <i>FBI</i>	Richard Sharp, <i>FBI</i>
David Downing, <i>DEA</i>	Ray Lamb, <i>TX-DPS</i>	Daniel C. Shipherd, <i>U.S. Coast Guard</i>
Edward T. Dubberke, <i>IRS</i>	Todd Lee, <i>DEA</i>	Leonardo Silva, <i>DEA</i>
Michael Dubet, <i>DEA</i>	A. Greg Lowther, <i>U.S. Customs Service</i>	Robert D. Simpson, Jr., <i>IRS</i>
Stephen J. Dudek, <i>DEA</i>	Brian Lynch, <i>TNRCC</i>	Judy Sly, <i>Health &amp; Human Services</i>
Patricia L. Durney, <i>FBI</i>	Robert MacDonald, <i>Corpus Christi PD</i>	Juanita Smith, <i>Health &amp; Human Services</i>
Dan Evans, <i>FBI</i>	Robert W. Martin, <i>FBI</i>	Richard Smith, <i>DEA</i>
Armando Fernandez, <i>FBI</i>	Edmundo A. Martinez, <i>U.S. Border Patrol</i>	Mark E. Tilton, <i>FBI</i>
George J. Fifer, <i>DCIS</i>	Charles F. Maxwell, <i>U.S. Border Patrol</i>	Julia Torres, <i>FBI</i>
Michael Fincher, <i>TX-DPS</i>	Patrick McElwain, <i>U.S. Customs Service</i>	Charlie Torres, <i>U.S. Border Patrol</i>
Ronald Florence, <i>Alamance Co. SO</i>	James McNeeley, <i>IRS</i>	Herb Clifton Tucker, <i>Victoria PD</i>
Rob Foster, <i>FBI</i>	Clinton Morris, <i>DEA</i>	Ricardo Vasquez, <i>IRS</i>
Dennis J. Gafford, <i>Houston PD</i>	Dora Liza Munoz, <i>Hidalgo County DA</i>	Freddy Vela, <i>FBI</i>
Robert Garcia, <i>DEA</i>	Hiroataka Nakasone, <i>FBI</i>	Brian T. Vicente, <i>U.S. Customs Service</i>
Fred Garza, <i>TX-DPS</i>	Mirella Nava, <i>FBI</i>	Sara Villarreal, <i>U.S. Pretrial Services</i>
Sylvia Garza, <i>IRS</i>	Tan Nguyen, <i>FBI</i>	Richard Vining, <i>DEA</i>
Gualberto Gonzalez, <i>Cameron Co. DA</i>	Jay Oxford, <i>DEA</i>	William "Jody" Warren, <i>FBI</i>
Armando Gonzalez, <i>U.S. Customs Service</i>	Cris Pendleton, <i>So. TX Narcotics &amp; SCTF</i>	Dennis Williams, <i>FBI</i>
James Griffis, <i>U.S. Marshal's Service</i>	Gerardo Perez, <i>TX-DPS</i>	Larry H. Williams, <i>Houston PD</i>
Robert Gutierrez, <i>FBI</i>	David G. Ramirez, <i>TX-DPS</i>	Don Wood, <i>FBI</i>
Cory Hallum, <i>DEA</i>	Kristin Rehler, <i>FBI</i>	

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